25. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein the outer end of each protuberance is rounded and has a base which is situated within the virtual cylinder.

26. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein the outer end of each protuberance is rounded and convex.

27. (Amended). Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said elements are arranged on the roller in a series in an elongated zone covering substantially the length of the roller, and are distributed along one of: a straight line; and in rows.

28. (Amended). Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said elements are either connected on a part of said roller, or are formed in one piece with said part.

29. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said elements are rigid or semi-rigid.

--30. (Twice amended). Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said elements are present in the form of at least one radial plate having an external edge, said external edge of said plate protruding beyond the virtual cylinder.

31. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said roller comprises at least one component having a circular periphery inscribed in the virtual cylinder and said protuberances are arranged on said circular periphery.

32. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein each said protuberance is formed adjacent the tweezing edge of a tweezing blade.

--33. (Amended) Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said roller comprises peripheral pedestals arranged extending parallel to the axis of rotation of said roller and each having an external face, and wherein said elements are mounted on said external faces of said pedestals.

34. Hair-removing device according to claim 33, wherein said elements are a series of spikes individually connected on said pedestals.

Claims 35-36 are cancelled.

--37. (Amended). Hair-removing device according to claim 33, wherein each of said pedestals has an oblique external face and each of said elements is formed along an elongated edge of a respective one of said pedestals, said elongated edge of said pedestals being an upstream or downstream edge as viewed with respect to the sense of rotation of said roller.

38. (Amended). Hair-removing device comprising:

a hair-removal roller driven in rotation by a motor around an axis of rotation arranged behind a housing window, said roller comprising a plurality of tweezing blades arranged in at least one row, each of said tweezing blades having a tweezing edge,

control means for successively leading said tweezing blades to close against one another in order to tweeze hairs to be plucked and then to separate from one another; and

a pain-soothing device comprising elements mounted on said roller, wherein

said elements are mounted on said roller and each element has at least one protuberance extending beyond a virtual cylinder coaxial with said roller and in which are inscribed said tweezing edges of said tweezing blades,

each said protuberance has an outer end that is at least one of inclined and rounded along a plane that is transverse to the axis of rotation of said roller and that passes through said element from which said protuberance extends and

each said element has a stiffness and dimensions selected to cause each said protuberance, when said roller is rotating and is disposed against a user's skin, to contact the skin and then press into the skin to perform a massaging action and to create a pain masking that of the hair removal.

39. Hair-removing device comprising:

a hair-removal roller driven in rotation by a motor around an axis of rotation arranged behind a housing window, said roller comprising a plurality of tweezing blades arranged in at least one row, each of said tweezing blades having a tweezing edge,

control means for successively leading said tweezing blades to close against one another in order to tweeze hairs to be plucked and then to separate from one another; and

a pain-soothing device comprising elements mounted on said roller, wherein

said elements are mounted at a substantially fixed angular position on said roller and each element has at least one protuberance extending beyond a virtual cylinder coaxial with said roller and in which are inscribed said tweezing edges of said tweezing blades,

each said protuberance has an outer end that is at least one of inclined and rounded along a plane that is transverse to the axis of rotation of said roller and that passes through said element from which said protuberance extends and

each said element has a stiffness and dimensions selected to cause each said protuberance, when said roller is rotating and is disposed against a user's skin, to contact the skin and then press into the skin to perform a massaging action and to create a pain masking that of the hair removal.

Kindly add the following New claims:

--40. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein the outer end of each protuberance is rounded and has a base which is situated within the virtual cylinder.

--41. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein the outer end of each protuberance is rounded and convex.

--42. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein said elements are arranged on the roller in a series in an elongated zone covering substantially the length of the roller, and are distributed along one of: a straight line; and in rows.

--43. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein said elements are either connected on a part of said roller, or are formed in one piece with said part.

--44. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein said elements are rigid or semi-rigid.

--45. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein said elements are present in the form of at least one radial plate having an external edge, said external edge of said plate protruding beyond the virtual cylinder.

--46. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein said roller comprises at least one component having a circular periphery inscribed in the virtual cylinder and said protuberances are arranged on said circular periphery.

--47. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein each said protuberance is formed adjacent the tweezing edge of a tweezing blade.

--48. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 39, wherein said roller comprises peripheral pedestals arranged extending parallel to the axis of rotation of said roller and each having an external face, and wherein said elements are mounted on said external faces of said pedestals.

--49. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 48, wherein said elements are a series of spikes individually connected on said pedestals.

--50. (New). Hair-removing device according to claim 48, wherein each of said pedestals has an oblique external face and each of said elements is formed along an elongated edge of a respective one of said pedestals, said elongated edge of said pedestals being an upstream or downstream edge as viewed with respect to the sense of rotation of said roller.

--51. (New). Hair-removing device comprising:

a hair-removal roller driven in rotation by a motor around an axis of rotation arranged behind a housing window, said roller comprising a plurality of tweezing blades arranged in at least one row, each of said tweezing blades having a tweezing edge,

control means for successively leading said tweezing blades to close against one another in order to tweeze hairs to be plucked and then to separate from one another; and

a pain-soothing device comprising elements mounted on said roller, wherein

said elements having ends proximal the roller mounted in a fixed position on said roller and each element has at least one protuberance extending beyond a virtual cylinder coaxial with said roller and which intersects an outer surface of said roller,

each said protuberance has an outer end that is at least one of inclined and rounded along a plane that is transverse to the axis of rotation of said roller and that passes through said element from which said protuberance extends and

each said element has a stiffness and dimensions selected to cause each said protuberance, when said roller is rotating and is disposed against a user's skin, to contact the skin and then press into the skin to perform a massaging action and to create a pain masking that of the hair removal.

--52. (New). Hair-removing device comprising:

a hair-removal roller driven in rotation by a motor around an axis of rotation arranged behind a housing window, said roller comprising a plurality of tweezing blades arranged in at least one row, each of said tweezing blades having a tweezing edge,

control means for successively leading said tweezing blades to close against one another in order to tweeze hairs to be plucked and then to separate from one another; and

a pain-soothing device comprising elements mounted on said roller, wherein

said elements are mounted on said roller and each element has at least one protuberance extending beyond a virtual cylinder coaxial with said roller and which intersects an outer surface of said roller,

each said protuberance has an outer end that is at least one of inclined and rounded along a plane that is transverse to the axis of rotation of said roller and that passes through said element from which said protuberance extends and

each said element has a stiffness and dimensions selected to cause each said protuberance, when said roller is rotating and is disposed against a user's skin, to contact the skin and then press into the skin to perform a massaging action and to create a pain masking that of the hair removal.--